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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments should be entered under 37 CFR 1.116(b), since the amendments to Claims 1, 17 and 30 appear to place these claims (and claims depending therefrom) in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, if there remain any unresolved issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method for servicing an inkjet printer including an inkjet printhead with a nozzle plate and a first service module removably installed on the printer, comprising:

identifying a printhead-related service condition not adequately addressed by servicing the printer with the first service module being in an [un-used] un-worn condition;

providing a second service module with a service function different from the first service module and adapted to address said printhead-related service condition.

17. (Twice Amended) A method for servicing an inkjet printer including an inkjet printhead and a removable first service module, comprising:

providing a second service module different from the first service module and adapted to address a printhead-related service condition not adequately addressed by the first service module being in an [unused] un-worn condition; and

installing the second service module in the printer;

conducting a printhead-related service operation using the second service module.

30. (Twice Amended) A special service module for use in an inkjet printing system including an inkjet printhead and a standard service module removably installed in the printing system, the special service module configured to be removably installed in the printing system in place of the standard service module to perform a special service function on the printhead which is not performed by the standard service module being in an [unused] un-worn condition.